THE EIGHTH DAY.

26th February 1918.

The Assembly met at 11-50 A. M. on Tuesday, the 26th February 1918.

VII. EDUCATION.—*(Continued).*

120. Preservation of the genius of the Tamil language in the State.

Mr. P. V. Daniel B. A. & B. L., (Member, Nominated) said that the Tamil population of the State formed one-fourth of the Malayalam-speaking people. Under the existing arrangements, the Tamil schools were naturally suffering. The Member, therefore, prayed that,—

(1) the required number of Tamil schools be opened in Tamil centres ;

(2) teachers, whose Vernacular was Tamil and who had their training in Tamil Training Schools, be appointed in Tamil schools,

(3) not less than two Tamil Assistant Inspectors be appointed, out of the 20 Assistant Inspectors ; and

(4) Tamil be made the Court language in the Taluks of Tovala, Agastiswaram, Shencottah and Eraniel.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

121. Advancement of Tamil education.

Mr. S. Ganapathi Pillai (Member, Trading Classes, Trivandrum) proposed the following measures:—

(1) Tamil Boys' and Girls' schools (Lower and Higher Grade) should be opened in all the Tamil taluks and in important Tamil centres of the State.

(2) The existing Malayalam schools in Tamil centres should be gradually converted into Tamil schools, provision being made for Malayalam students for the study of Malayalam.

(3) In schools in the Malayalam taluks facilities should be given to Tamil students for studying Tamil.

(4) Teachers trained in the Tamil Training Schools with Tamil as their Vernacular should be appointed in Tamil schools.

(5) A Committee of Tamil scholars should be appointed for preparing the curricula to be introduced in Tamil schools.

(6) The Tamil Examining Board should be strengthened by the inclusion of competent Tamil scholars.

(7) The Text-book Committee should also be strengthened likewise.

(8) At least two Tamil Assistant Inspectors should be appointed to supervise the Tamil instruction in Tamil schools.

(9) Tamil School Leaving Certificate holders should be treated on a par with the Malayalam School Leaving Certificate holders in respect of Government service.

(10) All Proceedings of Government and other important papers, including the list of Assembly subjects, useful to the Tamil population, should be published in Tamil also. The Member then pointed out some inaccuracies in the Tamil translations.

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